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Dear Operator:

Enclosed you will find current contact information for the Pipeline Safety Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. This information is for your company's use in contacting the Division during both regular working hours and emergencies.

We appreciate your hard work in meeting state and federal pipeline safety standards that are increasing in both number and complexity. We look forward to working with you in 2009 as we work towards improved safety for Indiana's pipeline systems.

This year, standard inspections will include a focused review of maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) designation under 49 CFR 192.619, 621 and 623 for each operator, in addition to records inspections. I have enclosed a worksheet and guidance material that can be used in preparation for the MAOP review. Please note that for larger operators with several inspection units, only a sample of MAOPs will be verified. Also at the time of the inspection, Pipeline Safety staff will review data submitted on the federal annual report. By placing more scrutiny on these items, we hope to help operators prepare for the Distribution Integrity Management Regulation (DIMP) and also assure that Indiana's data is accurate. As resources permit Pipeline Safety staff will continue operator qualification Element 9 (field) inspections, some OQ program inspections and will also begin implementation inspections of public awareness programs. Finally, if resources permit, Pipeline Safety will complete comprehensive drug and alcohol program reviews for some operators. Master meter operators are not affected by the MAOP verification, review of federal annual report data, OQ element 9 or drug and alcohol program reviews.

The Pipeline Safety Division anticipates that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration will issue its DIMP Final Rule in 2009. Upon issuance, the clock will begin ticking for operators to implement DIMP programs. It would be prudent for all operators (including master meter operators) to prepare for this regulation by considering their knowledge of their pipeline facilities and the threats to those facilities.

As you are aware, the Pipeline Safety Division began public workshops in 2008 to discuss proposed revisions to Indiana's regulations. The Pipeline Safety Division will conclude its public workshops in early 2009 and begin the rulemaking process. We appreciate your participation and encourage continued feedback throughout the process. Work is also underway to strengthen Indiana's damage prevention program and One Call law. We invite your active participation and support for these efforts. More information on these projects will be provided as it becomes available.

Finally, please take a moment to provide us with contact information for your organization as indicated on the enclosure. Information may be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to William Boyd.

We appreciate your efforts in working together with us as we strive to ensure that pipeline systems are safe and that Indiana operators are in compliance with state and federal regulations. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, concerns or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Annmarie Robertson
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